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80 State Banks Fail

The financial horizon in Georgia and Florida appeared brighter tonight, following a cessation of activities which brought about the closing of more than 80 small banks during the past week.

Virtually all of the banks closed were members of a chain for which the Bankers Trust Co., Atlanta, organization against which bankruptcy proceedings are now pending, served as fiscal agent.

No closings were reported today and state banking department officials expressed the belief that there would be few of the remaining banks in the string which would not be able to make arrangements permitting them to continue business.

Coincident with the cessation of closing activities in Georgia came the first official announcement of the number of banks that have closed in Florida. Ernest Amos, comptroller, announced that 27 small state banks, 25 of them members of the chain for which the Bankers' Trust Company acted as fiscal agent had closed their doors.

Officials of the Georgia state banking department said they had sent auditors to every bank in the state that had closed and instructed them to complete audits of the banks' books as rapidly as possible, with a view to speeding re-organization and re-opening of the institutions.

Mr. Amos expressed the belief that the financial storm had spent itself in Florida.

In his statement, the first he had issued since the succession of bank closings, Mr. Amos said the banks which had suspended operations in Florida had been almost wholly confined to members of the chain served by the Bankers' Trust Co., organization.

"This does not mean," Mr. Amos said, "that those banks in Florida that have been wiff the system at some time or another are in trouble or are necessarily involved. Several in Florida had broken connection with the system in time not to be hurt in the collapse while others have not enough Georgia stuff to amount to anything.

"The effect of the system failures has about spent itself. I have every reason to believe that a number of Florida banks forced to close temporarily will re-open, in fact, two have already re-opened and several others are now completing their plans."

He asserted there was no foundation for statements which inferred that Florida banks had been forced to close because of "real estate paper" in Florida banks. Such statements, he declared, 'were calculated to injure the large number of perfect sound and safe Florida banks in no wise affected by recent developments."

He attributed the troubles to the reserves of "system banks" in Florida which had been placed in Georgia through the financial agents of the system and that were not available when needed.

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DIVINING ROD AIDS IN FINDING FOSSIL

Stick That Located Elephant Bone Described.

Thurman, Ariz.—Dr. Byron Cummings, director of the state museum and professor of archeology at the University of Arizona, described the manner in which the mysterious divining rod was manipulated by Charles Udall, one of his instructors in the discovery of the shoulder blade of an animal which Cummings declared to be that of a prehistoric elephant, probably a mammoth at least 250,000 years old. Dowsing, or the science practiced in order to make any scientific pronouncement on the efficacy of the rod.

The giant bone was exhumed by Doctor Cummings, Dept. D. W. Page of Washington archeologist, and Mr. Udall, a geologist who is the owner of the Cerro Colorado mining tract seven miles northeast of Arizona Ariz., about ten miles north of the Mexican border on which the discovery was made.

Mr. Udall told the Doctor Cummings that he had been locating lime deposits, including bones, by means of the mysterious rod.

Operation of Rod Described.

The device used Doctor Cummings explained, consists of a witch-hazel stick with a wooden thimble set in at the junction of the two forks. The thimble contains certain chemicals, the nature of which I do not know.

Mr. Udall holds the forked stick loosely between his fingers so as to give it free play. When the stick is held above a lime deposit it gives a violent downward movement, and as the stick is withdrawn from a point directly above the attracting spot the rod returns to the normal position of that spot.

Before he exhumed the elephant's shoulder blade Mr. Udall traced the outline of it over the surface of the earth by means of the forked stick. To what extent it is accurate will have to be demonstrated by further excavations.

"Near the bone that was excavated the forked stick in Mr. Udall's hands traced the outline of a mammoth's tusk.

"He tells me that life rod has traced the configuration of several skeletons, one of them a mammoth. This mammoth's outline was transferred to paper by Mr. Udall. Later he compared the picture in a magazine with his drawing and the two were strikingly similar.

Bone Found in Volcanic Ash.

"The outline of a dinosaurious, which apparently is larger than any of those yet uncovered in the United States, has been traced by the crotched stick according to Mr. Udall."

The elephant's shoulder blade which was protruding a few inches above the surrounding ground, was exhumed from a bed of volcanic ash, which would have preserved the skeleton in better condition had not a later upheaval of the earth forced the remains toward the surface.

"There seem to have been three periods of volcanic disturbance in this region, Doctor Cummings said. As a result, the strata are much closer to the surface of the earth than they otherwise would have been, and this accounts for the imperfect fossilization.

"The spot probably was at one time a fresh-water lake where animals came to water," Doctor Cummings continued.

"There is no question that the bone was deposited there by natural means. It was not planted,' and it is undoubtedly genuine.

"This one bone, found so close to the surface, indicates that there is an extensive fossil bed in that region. Mr. Udall, from the work he has done there, is confident that there are fossil remains of very large pleistocene mammals there.

"The shoulder blade we found was almost complete. Only a small fragment is missing. There is no doubt in my mind that it is a part of an adult mammoth or mastodon, probably the former."

Crew Sick, Painter Pilots Ship to Safety

San Francisco.—The crew of a small British craft plying among the islands of the south seas, sing the praises of William Ritchel, marine painter of New York city.

When Ritchel arrived in San Francisco aboard the steamer Columbia with him came the tale of a landlubber's remarkable feat at sea.

Although Ritchel had never handled a ship's wheel in his life, modest he piloted a craft through the teeth of a storm and brought his ship safe to port after four days. The incident occurred recently while the artist was making a trip to the Marquesas Islands. After leaving Papa Papa the crew fell desperately ill with influenza. Ritchel alone was immune.

FOR RENT

Sealed bids for the rental of the Farmers Tobacco Warehouse Co. for the season of 1926 and 1927 will be received up July 1st at which time the committee will let this property. Bids asked on the following basis: Flat cash rental up to one million pounds of tobacco and per hundred pounds charge on all tobacco sold over this amount.

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J. A. Thornhill

Died at his home at Meherrin yesterday in the 77th year of his age. He was a native of this county. His remains were interred here at the home of his sister, Mrs. B. S. Jenkins, in the presence of many of his old friends and relatives to day.

ROCKS NEWS

The delegates returned home from Camp Meeting that were sent from Kiser Branch Church to the Short Course at Hampden-Sidney. They report a fine time. Mrs. Dinkins their leader and her children motored down there Tuesday to the Leader's Conference. Mrs. Cal Barnes and children; C. C. Barnes, Ed. Anderson, and Mrs. D. W. Dinkins, and children were visitors there on Friday.

Mr. and Mr. Albert Garrett and children, were week-end visitors in Richmond.

Mrs. Walter Ranson and Miss Grace Richardson, went with Wylie Richardson to Lynchburg Sunday.

Mr. A. A. Baldwin's mule kicked him quite awhile ago, but is O. K. now.

The wheat crop is fine in this section this time.

Mr. Bates Jennings lost a fine mule last week.

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SOCIAL MENTION

Mrs. Dresser is on sick

Mrs. Herbert and J. K. ... gone to the Beach.

Miss Gregory has re... visit to Richmond.

Mrs. Spencer has gone to ... on his vacation.

Mrs. B. Abbitt, of Norfolk, ... Monday.

Mrs. ... Johns, of Paris, ... town on business.

Mrs. Burke is attending ... reunion celebration at ... Pa.

Miss Steele spent last ... at Buffalo Springs.

Mrs. Gray, of Baldwin ... is visiting in the ... A. Ferguson.

Mrs. Gills, of Bluefield, ... visiting Mrs. L. R. ...

Mrs. Hancock, of Hunt..., Va., spent last week ... family.

Miss Hazel Reynolds and ... Mills spent the week ... C., Farmville, Va.

The Supervisors had a ... meeting Monday to con... current tax list.

Mrs. ..., of Pearlsburg, Va ... and Children, Mr and Mrs. Hilda May Sizemore ... day here.

Mr. ...outh and Georgia ... of Buckingham county ...sts of Miss Earle ...

Mr. ... Caldwell, Jr., and ... her sister, Mrs. ... spending some time ...

Mrs. Raymond Moore, ... Springs, Va., is ... brother, Callie ...

Mrs. Gilliam and Messrs. ... Wilson Gills, of ... Va., spent Sunday ... her Gills.

Services under the ... of Rev. Myers at ... church are increasing ... and attendance.

Mr. and Clem Morton ... rush of red fox—The ... too tame for the ...

Mrs. ...ent Hudgins and his ... is who attended the ...e at Hampden-Sid... wonderful time.

There will be a Lawn Party at ... church on July 31st. ... invited to help in ... for orphan child... Dancing at 5 p. m.

Mrs. ...ney of Lynchburg, ... the International ... Association will ... Sunday afternoon ...ium.

Mrs. C. R. RexRode, ...rge, Va., who have ... the latter's parents, ... T. W. Odor have ... their home.

Mrs. ... Price, of Rich... visit at Mary Baldwin ... and on her former ... Ruth Clement here ...

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An adroit question from the man, and her story was out. Her enthusiasm for the travel lectures persisted. The stranger saw its value to his company. He persuaded her, the shy little woman, to share her vision with other homebound women. She learned to talk, to sell ideas as well as books. She regained her health. She made money.

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STONEWALL

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Mr. S. E. Anderson and Miss Helen Scruggs, Mary Connor and Mary Anderson recently motored to Richmond for the day and Miss Elizabeth Rice returned with them for a visit in the Anderson home.

Mrs. R. H. Routon is spending the week with Mrs. Will Alvis at Snout Spring.

Mrs. Albert Owen, of Lynchburg, visited Mr. E. H. Carson and family, last week.

Mrs. J. E. Carson and little son, J. E. Jr., accompanied her home Friday for a visit.

Mr. J. T. Whitten spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Clements, in Amherst county.

Little Misses Hilda and Frances Scruggs, of Lynchburg are spending some time with their grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Scruggs, while their mother is in hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Jacobs, of Lynchburg, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Stratton Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. Stratton and her guests spent Sunday with Dr. Christian and family.

Rev. Caudil will conduct revival services at Hebron church beginning Aug. 1st.

Mr. John Taylor, and family, of Richmond, have been recent visitors in the neighborhood.

Mrs. R. Y. Johnson, of Staunton is the guest of her brother, Mr. John Fisher, in the home of E. H. Carson.

Miss Anna LeGrande, of Lynchburg, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. A. Stratton.

Miss Evie Drinkard is the house guest of her aunt, Mrs. Jennie Bondurant, of near Six Mile Bridge.

Miss Virginia Chick is spending this week with her cousin, Miss Eleanor Bondurant, of near Six Mile Bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W Cheatham who are spending month of July in Norfolk, visited Mrs. Cheatham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Stratton for the week-end.

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